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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: FY 2002/03 FSTIP Amendment No. 5 – Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG)

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 5 to the State Highway Elements of the BCAG 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 10, 2003. The BCAG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 2002/03-14, on February 27, 2003, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the BCAG FTIP with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

This amendment was requested by the BCAG for minor funding and project scope changes as described:

- Keefer Road Realignment Project (MPO ID # 601017) – Modifies funding and includes minor change in scope for a roadway realignment and rehabilitation project;
- Skyway Rehabilitation Project (MPO ID # 601054) – Modifies funding for a roadway rehabilitation project, and
- Oroville Bangor Highway Reconstruction (MPO ID # 601052) – Modifies funding for a roadway reconstruction project.

We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this FTIP amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607).

We have determined that these transportation improvement program modifications are exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements pursuant to the provisions of sections 93.126 and 93.127 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to the *Transportation Conformity Rule*, and with the Region Nine office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding, dated March 8, 1996, on single mode FTIP amendments.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the BCAG's FTIP Amendment No. 5 into California's 2002/03 – 2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,

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